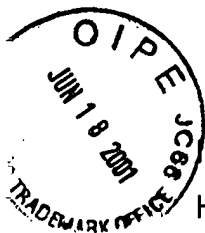


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In response to the restriction requirement contained in the Office Action dated April 17, 2001, Applicant hereby elects invention I (claims 2-3, 9-13, 18, 22-23, and 25-26, drawn to an endoscope/microscope) to be examined.

Further, in response to the election requirement also contained in the Office Action, Applicant hereby elects the species group a. (the arrangement shown in figure 1). Claims 1-2, 4, 6-12, 17-18, 24-27, 29, 35-37, 39-41 and 44 are readable on the elected species.

Further and favorable action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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